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DEQ SEEKS 2001 - 2002 LITTER ABATEMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is pleased to announce the availability of applications for the Louisiana Litter Abatement Grant Program for fiscal year 2001-2002. Funding for the program will be available contingent upon approval by the Legislature and the Governor of House Bill 1 of the 2001 Regular Legislative Session. Funding will be provided to local governments, 501 (c)(3) organizations and quasi-governmental units for projects that further the administration and execution of the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Program. A twenty-five percent (25%) in-kind or cash match will be required from applicants.

Success stories for the Litter Abatement Grant Program have been remarkable. Some of DEQ's main objectives have been to promote the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Program and to establish partnerships in communities to start litter abatement programs. Education has also played a key role in establishing successful litter programs, combined with working with law enforcement groups to enforce the current litter laws. Bringing together the three components of a strong program, **education, enforcement and cleanups**, assists communities in creating a sustainable litter abatement program. Each new year brings an increase in interest among local governments, communities, and grass roots organizations.

DEQ anticipates that grant money for the coming fiscal year will be made available July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. Interested persons will find a description of DEQ's Litter Abatement Grant Program, an application, and a sample of the cooperative agreement that must be signed by all grant recipients online at www.deq.state.la.us/assistance/litter. All applications must be received by **May 31, 2001** and should be directed to the following address:

Department of Environmental Quality
Environmental Assistance Division/Litter Reduction Program
Post Office Box 82135
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70884
Attention: Pam Kimball

Please contact Pam Kimball at (225) 765-0151 for litter grant materials or visit www.deq.state.la.us/assistance/litter to download information.